

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
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TOWN OFFICERS--1878.

Town Clerk.

CHARLES I. BOWKER.

Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor.

MATTHEW H. TAYLOR, CHARLES T. MAXWELL.
GILMAN D. KELLEY.

Town Treasurer.

LEVI CLUFF.

Superintending School Committee.

ALFRED S. STOWELL.

Collector of Taxes.

WILLIAM G. CROWELL.

Auditors.

ISAAC C. NOYES, GEORGE C. GORDON,
JOSEPH WEBSTER.

Constables.

CLINTON EWINS, TEMPLE R. MORRISON.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Whole amount of Assets.

Taxes assessed for the year 1878 are as follows :

State tax,	\$1,368 00
County tax,	1,872 43
School tax,	1,197 00
Dog tax,	169 00
Non-resident highway tax,	145 75
Town tax,	4,000 00
Per cent allowed by law,	335 63
School House tax in Dist. No. 5,	314 43
Interest,	50 00
Cash in Treasury, March 1, 1878,	2,961 19
Railroad tax,	396 25
Savings Bank tax,	179 36
Literary fund,	131 35
Hired of E. Coburn,	13,000 00
C. A. Duston,	2,400 00
E. Duston,	2,600 00
E. Taylor,	1,300 00
D. Merrill,	535 00
School Dist. No. 2,	204 50
" " 3,	137 60
" " 10,	225 00

Hired of H. Marsh,	1,896 60
S. T. Newell,	1,500 00
E. M. Newell,	1,500 00
F. A. Mirick,	1,000 00
Jemima Hall,	500 00
Mrs. T. Gage,	1,277 00
Rebecca Hall,	400 00
E. G. Duston,	1,100 00
W. B. Kimball one cow,	45 00
N. H. Clark, " cart,	30 00
Isaac Thom, " cow,	25 00
Districts No. 1-2-4-5-6-7-8-9-10 for maps,	45 00
M. H. Taylor, use of hall 1877,	61 00
C. T. Maxwell, " " 1878,	42 00
County of Rockingham,	526 87
For land redeemed sold for taxes,	113 33
A. N. Russ, Collector 1872,	315 81
Silas Hall " 1873,	38 50
" " " S. H. tax,	40 88
" " 1876,	73 22
Wm. G. Crowell " 1877,	2,380 68
" " " Interest 1877,	56 34
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	\$46,489 72

EXPENDITURES.

Paid on account of schools.

District No. 1, Town appropriation,	217 75	
Railroad tax,	39 62	
Literary fund,	54 55	
Dog tax,	30 00	\$341 92
2, town appropriation,	51 90	
Railroad tax,	39 62	
Literary fund,	12 82	
Dog tax,	30 00	134 34
3 Town appropriation,	45 10	
Railroad tax,	39 62	
Literary fund,	11 25	
Dog tax,	30 00	125 97
4, Town appropriation,	165 77	
Railroad tax,	39 62	
Literary fund,	41 90	
Dog tax,	30 00	277 29
5, Town appropriation,	89 55	
Railroad tax,	39 62	
Literary fund,	22 45	
Dog tax,	30 00	181 62
6, Town appropriation,	293 18	
Railroad tax,	39 62	
Literary fund,	70 87	
Dog tax,	30 00	433 67
7, Town appropriation,	90 57	
Railroad tax,	39 62	
Literary fund,	22 65	
Dog tax,	30 00	182 84
8, Town appropriation,	87 55	
Railroad tax,	39 62	
Literary fund,	19 64	
Dog tax,	30 00	176 81

District No. 9, Town appropriation,	97 85	
Railroad tax,	39 62	
Literary fund,	24 15	
Dog tax,	30 00	191 62
10, Town appropriation,	71 45	
Railroad tax,	39 62	
Literary fund,	18 30	
Dog tax,	30 00	159 37

Total,	<hr/>	\$2,205 45
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Paid on account of Contingencies.

D. F. Hall, repairing stove,		1 50
Lawrence Lumber Co.,		1219
District No. 10, interest,		24 42
C. A. Reed, damages and suit 1877,		700 00
William Stanton, watering place,		3 00
C. C. Morse & Son, printing reports,		32 40
Willard W. Merrill, book and paper,		13 80
Geo. C. Gordon, insurance,		15 00
Temple & Farington, blank books,		5 82
D. F. Hall, staple and rings,		64
D. W. Jones, setting staples and rings,		1 00
Eliphalet Coburn, two notes and interest,		12,961 87
Ebenezer Duston, " "		2,676 25
Enoch Taylor, " "		582 50
Albertus Coburn, " "		860 00
Daniel Merrill, " "		535 00
School Dist. No. 2, " "		204 50
" 3, " "		137 60
" 10, " "		225 00
Hannah Marsh, " "		1,896 60
Ann Loomis four " "		9,373 72
Jemima Hall, " "		505 00
Theodosha Gage, " "		1,277 00

Jemima Hall, payment on note,	54 16
John B. Clarke, printing blank,	3 00
Morse & Son, printing bills,	1 25
Temple & Farrington, Collectors book,	80
G. C. Bartlett, counsel in Reed case,	25 00
S. G. Jewett, note and interest,	447 66
Hobbs & Co. painting and repairing hearse,	62 00
County tax,	1,872 43
E. G. Duston, note and interest,	1,116 50
William G. Crowell, printing &c.	27 05
George S. Merrill “	17 50
Charles I. Bowker, land,	75 00
E. C. Eastman, books and blanks,	3 50
T. B. Middleton, watering trough,	3 00
A. S. Stowell, printing,	3 50
Nelson Emerson, labor in old cemetery,	10 00
J. Ayer, setting glass in T. House,	1 50
C. T. Maxwell, glass and putty,	1 82
Jemima Hall, payment on note,	35 00
School Dist. No. 10, “	30 62
State tax,	1,368 00
J. A. Cline & Co. maps,	50 00
T. A. Rowell, killing sheep,	12 00
G. D. Kelley, watering place,	3 00
School Dist. No. 5, S. H. tax in part,	250 00
Discount on taxes, list 1878,	340 00
Wm. Stanton, watering place,	3 00
School Dist. No. 6, balance of S. H. taxes,	30 08
Wm. & M. Pecker, working road tax,	1 48
Wm. G. Crowell, lumber bridge near J. H. L.,	4 08
J. H. Foster, dinners for Auditors 1877,	60
Mrs. T. Gage, note and interest,	1,329 14
For non-resident land bought for taxes, list 1877,	94 01
For resident land bought for taxes, list 1877,	211 24
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	\$39,532 73

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF ROADS AND BRIDGES.

M. Cullen jr, labor on highway,	\$7 00
D. Dunlap jr., spikes for bridge,	2 58
D. Merrill, plank and railing,	11 16
D. M. Thom, gravel for roads,	1 74
E. B. Hall, " "	3 05
N. P. H. Melvin, spikes,	94
Lawrence Lumber Co., lumber,	44 60
G. D. Kelley, labor on bridge,	12 25
R. Taylor & Duston, lumber for bridge,	51 48
" " " railing,	11 58
" " "	3 78
" " "	2 46
Gage & Jones, stringers for bridge near G. D. Kelley's,	41 23
P. C. Foster, labor on bridge and canal,	55 00
E. B. Hall, gravel,	2 45
B. E. Chase, labor on road, '77,	2 00
William G. Crowell, plank,	9 72
Peter Batchelder, cutting bushes,	8 13
Jerome Kelley, labor on bridge,	11 73
W. A. Kimball, gravel,	3 75
T. B. Middleton, "	14 00
Tobias Foss, road tax,	93
Horace Silver, labor on bridge,	52 25
C. E. Sleeper, gravel,	3 60
C. T. Maxwell, work on Foster bridge,	1 87
J. H. Foster, " " "	1 87
Gilman D. Kelley, work on turnpike road,	10 00
John C. Ewins, land damages,	21 75
Thomas Duston, gravel,	4 50
T. B. Middleton, gravel and labor on road,	5 00
W. B. Kimball, gravel,	5 55
G. D. Kelley, gravel,	1 20

J. C. Silver, labor on road and bridge,	4 25
H. B. Silver, labor and gravel,	8 52
Wm. H. Hazeltine, labor on Liberty Bridge,	10 00
J. H. Cullen, railing bridge near Providence Hill,	3 00
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	\$434 92

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF SNOW PATHS.

M. Cullen jr., breaking roads 1877,	4 00
T. C. Adams, " "	9 07
D. Dunlap jr., " "	5 92
W. L. Bradford, " "	8 20
D. M. Thom, " "	2 50
W. H. Clark, " "	6 75
Washington Kimball, " "	5 21
O. Duston, " "	1 80
R. F. Wheeler, " "	2 40
D. C. King, " 1878,	6 57
Albert Palmer, " "	1 97
J. C. Silver, " "	4 85
J. F. Smith, " "	2 75
J. P. Stackpole, " "	1 56
J. L. Brown, " "	11 39
W. A. Kimball, " "	6 38
Silas Hall, " "	1 90
Peter Batchelder, " "	15 38
D. M. Thom, " "	3 48
Charles Kimball, " "	9 89
Wm. G. Crowell, " "	90
Wm. G. Colby, " "	9 67
Richard Taylor, " "	6 18
J. H. Cullen, " "	5 95
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	\$134 67

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF ALMS HOUSE.

V. A. Merrill, two tons of E. hay,	\$36 00
J. Stowell, harness,	13 00
William Merrifield, cow and calf,	42 50
Joshua Conant, bal. of services at Almshouse, '77,	100 00
“ part “ “ '78,	250 00
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	\$441 50

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF TRANSIENT POOR.

S. J. M. Pattee, boarding C. Maloone,	\$22 00
Geo. C. Howard, medical attendance G. L. Jennings,	27 00
“ “ “ Ed. Cullen,	33 00
S. K. Abbott, clothing for E. L. Goodwin,	5 00
“ board “	6 00
G. C. Howard, medical attendance H. T. Kimball,	27 00
“ “ “ Mrs. Elliot,	12 00
N. H. Paul, supplies T. Poor,	5 00
S. K. Abbott, board of E. L. Goodwin,	19 50
“ expenses “	8 45
Nelson Emerson, attendance of funeral M. Benoit,	4 00
J. T. Douglass, one coffin N. Chaplin,	7 00
L. W. Taylor & Co., supplies “	7 50
“ “ “ M. M. Cullen,	10 37
M. H. Taylor, supplies M. M. Cullen,	2 00
“ “ “	13 00
Joseph H. Rand, supplies,	5 00
G. D. Kelley “ F. Brooks,	1 18
Maria M. Cullen, “	10 00
G. C. Howard, medical attendance on Mrs. Elliot,	4 50
“ “ “	10 00
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	\$239 50

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

W. H. Bryant,	\$15 00
John Langley heirs, error,	1 82
L. W. Chase, error,	3 63
S. O. Woodbury, error,	5 34
E. M. Butler,	1 60
F. A. Goodhue,	5 15
Wm. H. Elwood,	2 00
Wm. R. Dixon,	1 00
Jere Mason,	7 01
Wm. G. Crowell, tax list 1877,	85 19
“ “ “ 1878,	64 05
Salem Town Farm,	35 15
Silas Hall, tax list 1873,	25 04
“ S. H. tax list 1873,	30 08
“ “ “ 1876,	48 09
Edwin Webster heirs, abatement on tax,	1 33
Daniel B. Webster, “ “	6 75
A. N. Russ, abatements and errors in acc.	158 21
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	\$496 44

TOWN OFFICERS.

W. W. Merrill, bal. services 1877,	\$70 00
S. E. Wheeler, services School Com. 1877,	70 00
B. R. Wheeler, Town Clerk 1877,	22 50
D. M. Thom Liquor Agent, in full, Feb. 25, '79,	116 40
John F. Smith, Auditor 1876,	2 00
C. Ewins, Not. T. Officers,	2 00
N. H. Paul, bal. services 1877,	20 00
Harvey Harris, Auditor,	2 00
T. R. Morrison, Not. T. Officers,	2 00
Charles T. Maxwell, bal. services 1877,	6 00

Wm. G. Crowell, Coll. S. H. tax No. 5,	10 00
“ “ “ taxes 1878,	150 00
A. S. Stowell, S. S. Com.,	75 00
M. H. Taylor, services Selectman in full,	81 00
C. T. Maxwell, “ “ “	60 00
Levi Cluff, “ Treasurer “	35 00
“ “ Auditor “	2 00
C. I. Bowker, “ Town Clerk “	48 00
“ “ “ Auditor “	2 00
G. D. Kelley, “ Selectman “	35 00
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	\$810 90

BOUNTIES.

George Ewins, on two hawks,	\$ 40
Alfred Page, two hawks,	40
J. W. Silver, five hawks,	1 00
J. Page, one fox,	50
A. N. Messer, three hawks,	60
E. A. Gage, one hawk,	20
Wm. Armstrong, two hawks,	40
M. S. Kelley, eight hawks,	1 60
C. Kimball, three hawks,	60
F. E. Robie, five hawks,	1 00
“ “ two hawks,	40
M. S. Kelley, four hawks,	80
I. Bartlett, two hawks,	40
J. Page, one fox,	50
“ “	50
D. W. Jones, two foxes,	1 00
F. E. Robie, one hawk,	20
A. Palmer, one hawk,	20
John Q. A. Kelley, three hawks,	60
Chas. H. Kelley, three foxes,	1 50

S. A. Foster, one hawk,	20
F. D. Foster, one hawk,	20
Wm. Kelley, one hawk,	20
C. F. Kimball, 2d, one hawk,	20
G. L. Emerson, three hawks,	60
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	\$14 20

RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount of assets,		\$46,489 72
Paid on account of Schools,	\$2,205 45	
Contingencies,	39,532 73	
Roads and Bridges,	434 92	
Snow Paths,	134 67	
Almshouse,	441 50	
Transient Poor,	239 50	
Abatements,	496 44	
Town Officers,	810 90	
Bounties,	14 20	
Uncollected taxes, 1878, Town,	2000 00	
“ “ “ Dist. No. 5,	64 43	
Balance in Treasurer's hands,	114 98	
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OUTSTANDING NOTES AGAINST THE TOWN.

Eliphalet Coburn, note and interest to Mar. 1, 1879,	\$13541	67
Charlotte A. Duston,	"	" 2083 33
Ebenezer Duston,	"	" 2083 33
Charlotte A. Duston,	"	" 416 67
Ebenezer Duston,	"	" 625 00
Enoch Taylor,	"	" 1354 17
Daniel Merrill,	"	" 557 30
School District No. 2,	"	" 215 02
" " 3,	"	" 143 33
" " 10,	"	" 203 37
Hannah Marsh	"	" 1975 62
Samuel T. Newell	"	" 1562 50
Elizabeth M. Newell	"	" 520 83
" "	"	" 1041 66
Florence A. Mirick	"	" 1041 66
Jemima Hall	"	" 485 39
Rebecca Hall	"	" 416 67
		<hr/> \$28,265 52

DUE THE TOWN.

Wm. G. Crowell, Collector, taxes, 1878,	\$2,064 43
Balance in Treasurer's hands,	114 98
Superintendent Alms House,	26 44
County of Rockingham,	71 00
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	\$2,276 85

Leaving a balance against the town of \$25,988 67

MATHEW H. TAYLOR,	}	Selectmen
CHARLES T. MAXWELL,		of
GILMAN D. KELLEY,		Salem, N. H.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR.

March 1, Cash in Treasury	\$2,961 19
May 1, received of Selectmen on acct. of note	29,575 70
Cash " " "	248 00
" " " state Treas.R.R. tax	396 25
" " " savings bank	179 36
" " " literary fund	131 35
" " " County of Rocking- ham	526 87
" " " A. N. Russ, balance 1872	157 60
" " " " Silas Hall, Coll. 1873 & 1876	48 67
" " " " Wm. G. Crowell Coll. 1877	2,159 91
" " " 1878	6,948 61
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	\$43,333 51

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By orders of Selectmen	\$43,218 53
Cash in treasury	114 98
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	\$43,333 51

LEVI CLUFF, Town Treasurer.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF ALMSHOUSE.

DR.

To cash on hand		\$46 75
received for milk		474 30
pork		85 55
eggs		40 10
cow		29 00
Difference between cows		10 00
potatoes		9 35
Labor off the farm		16 50
To cash received for	rye	7 50
	butter	5 00
	seed corn	2 25
	calves	11 00
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		\$737 30

CR.

By cash paid for	groceries	20 87
	blacksmith	12 67
	dry goods	31 75
	grain	22 15
	car fare	1 45
	room paper	1 49
	meat	50
	killing hogs	1 00
	boots and shoes	13 80
	fish	1 80
	joists and bolts	1 25
	tobacco	1 20
	salt	4 35
	pigs	9 00
	superphosphate	4 50
	garden seeds	35

By cash paid for	vinegar	75
	robe	20
	school book	45
	soap	3 50
	rake	85
	filing saws	1 40
	tin ware	3 65
	making cider	2 00
	cider barrels	2 00
	shingles	4 50
	basket	50
	lime	1 00
	pick	1 25
	zinc	50
	butter	16 00
	paint	1 00
	medicine	1 50
	oil	75
	crackers	2 34
	labor	13 25
	mason & carpenter work	4 00
	pasturing	10 00
	nails	45
	meat	30 89
	use of bull	4 00
	saw bill	5 50
H. H. Webster & Co., flour & grain,		303 96
Scott & Victor, grain,		7 36
Groceries,		159 18
Cash on hand,		26 44
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Number of inmates, males 6, females 4,		737 30

JOSHUA CONANT, Supt.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

Paid Supt. of Alms house, bal. services 1877,	100 00
“ “ in part services 1878,	250 00
One cow and calf,	42 50
Paid transient poor,	239 50
Bal. due Superintendent,	50 00
Balance in favor of the town,	12 31

 \$694 31

Cash received.	
William B. Kimball one cow,	45 00
County of Rockingham,	526 87
Isaac Thom, one cow,	25 00
Due from County,	71 00
“ Superintendent,	26 44

 \$694 31

MATHEW H. TAYLOR,	} Selectmen of Salem, N. H.
CHARLES T. MAXWELL,	
GILMAN D. KELLEY,	

PERSONAL PROPERTY AT ALMSHOUSE.

5 1-2 tons English hay, \$88.00, meadow hay, 7.50, 2 1-2 bush
 rye, 2.12, 25 bush corn, 15.00, 8 bush beans, 16.00, 9 bags meal,
 9.00, 1 horse, 100.00, 9 cows, 270.00, 1 set of blocks, 2.50, 1
 blanket, 50, 1 robe, 5.00, 9 bags, 2.00, 3 short bags, 50, 1 wagon,
 20.00, 1 sleigh and pung, 12.00, 2 harnesses, 16.00, 1 draft, har-
 ness, 4.75, 5 hay forks, 1.50, 3 shovels, 1.50, 3 manure forks,
 3.00, 3 crow bars, 3.00, 4 wood saws, 2.00, 2 hand saws, 1.00,
 10 chains, 6.00, 1 manure hook and flail, 1.00, 3 rakes, 50, 3
 hoes, 1.00, 1 set of measures, 50, 1 bell, 50, 6 cords of wood,
 12.00, 33 cords prepared wood 115.00, 3 shoats, 40.00, 37 fowls
 18.50, whiffletrees and chain, 2.00, stone hammer, 1.00, 4 wedg-
 es, 1.00, 1 mowing machine, 50.00, 1 harrow, 2.00, 1 cultivator,
 2.50, scythes and snaths, 3.00, 1 grindstone, 2.50, 1 drag, 1.00,
 1 bush scythe and snath, 1.60, 3 plows, 20.00, brush and curry
 comb, 1.00, 1 wrench, 75, 1 horse rake, 1.00, 2 ox yokes, 1.00,
 wheelbarrow, 4.00, 2 brass kettles, 3.00, fetters and halters, 2.00,
 1 tub, 50, 200 lbs. pork, 14.00, pork barrels, 1.00, cider & casks
 12.00, oil can, 1.00, vinegar, 50, 1 hoe and corn cutter, 1.00, 4
 ladders, 5.00, lot of potatoes, 10.00, turnips, 1.50, soap & barrel,
 75, 5 1-2 bbls. apples, 6.00, 1 garden rake, 75, 5 baskets, 80,
 hams, 3.00, 2 wash boards, 50, flour, 8.50, rye meal, 1.00, 21
 lbs. butter, 5.25, 30 lbs. lard, 3.00, sugar, 1.00, tea, 1.00, churns
 and pails, 5.00, cheese press, 1.00, butter box, 1.00, tray and
 bowl, 1.00, tin ware, 12.00, 2 lanterns, 2.00, stone jars, 2.00,
 flat irons, 2.00, lamps and candle sticks, 1.50, steelyards, 50, 1
 mortar, 50, 14 feather beds, 30.00, quilts and comforters, 25.00
 28 pillows, 8.00, 42 pillow cases, 4.00, 8 bolsters, 2.00, wearing
 apparel, 40.00, 20 pairs sheets, 7.00, chairs and tables, 10.00, 36
 towels, 2.50, 9 bedsteads, 9.00, 1 apple parer, 50, 9 straw beds,
 4.00, 2 clocks and mirror, 2.50, trunks, chests and drawers, 7.00
 6 jugs, 1.00, crockery ware, 5.00, warming and bed pans, 2.00,
 7 axes, 2.00, 1 cranberry rake, 1.00, 20 flour barrels, 2.00, 1 cross
 cut saw, 1.00, 5 milk cans, 3.00, augers, 1.75, clothes wringer

2.00, 2 broad axes, 1.00, lot carpenter tools, 6.00, hammer and stone tools, 2.00, old iron, 1.00, 3 brooms, 50, 1 side board, 2.00, 2 iron kettles, 1.00, stoves and funnel, 20.00, clothes line, 1.00, white wash brush, 1.00, 1 rubber cushion, 2.00, clothes basket, 50, tobacco, 2.00, pair blankets, 3.00, oak plank, 1.00, 2 picks 1.50, horse sled, 20.00, farm wagon, 15.00.

Total, \$1,236 52

APPRAISAL OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWN.

Town farm valued at	\$4,500 00
Woodland, “	100 00
Town house “	1,000 00
Personal property at Alms house,	1,236 52
Town safe,	200 00
Town hearses,	300 00
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	\$7,336 52

SCHOOL HOUSE TAX.

SCHOOL DISTRICT, NO. 5.

Whole amount assessed,		\$314 43
Collection and abatements,	14 07	
Balance due the district,	50 36	
Paid the district,	250 00	
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SCHOOL DISTRICT, NO. 6, 1873.

Balance due the district on list 1873,		40 88
“ “ “ “ 1877,		22 22
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		\$63 10

Abatements, list 1873,	30 80	
“ “ 1877,	2 22	
Cash paid district,	30 08	
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MATTHEW H. TAYLOR, } Selectmen
 CHARLES T. MAXWELL, } of
 GILMAN D. KELLEY, } Salem, N. H.

PINE GROVE CEMETERY.

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Cash received of former board,	\$34 35	
Cash received for sales of lots,	38 25	
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Dr.

Paid Nelson Emerson, for labor,	\$40 00	
Cash on hand,	32 60	
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MATTHEW H. TAYLOR, }
 CHARLES T. MAXWELL, } Committ^{ee}.
 GILMAN D. KELLEY, }

The undersigned having examined the foregoing accounts find the same correctly cast and properly vouched for, and we deem it due to the Selectmen to make an explanation in regard to some matters in their report. It will be noticed that the balance against the town is Thirty-seven Hundred Ninety-seven Dollars and twenty-four cents, greater than reported last year, but it will also be observed that they have struck off \$2,981.20 of U. S. Bounties which were of no value, also the outstanding notes amounted to \$365 more than reported last year, also \$700 paid to C. A. Reed as damages caused by defective bridge, and \$240 paid Town Officers of 1877, making in all \$4,286.20 of extraordinary expenses which all come into this Report, and which, if erased, would make the balance against the town \$488 less than last year.

GEORGE C. GORDON, } *Auditors.*
JOSEPH WEBSTER, }

Salem, N. H., March 1, 1879.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

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1878.	Amount Tax list,	\$9,087 81	
	Interest,	50 00	
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Dr.

1878.	Cash,	\$6,548 61	
	Collecting,	150 00	
	Discount,	340 00	
	Abatement Town Farm tax,	35 15	
	Abatement Poll taxes,	64 05	
	Balance uncollected,	2000 00	
		<hr/>	\$9,137 81

SCHOOL-HOUSE TAX, DIST. No. 5.

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1878.	Amount tax list,	\$314 43
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1878.	Cash paid,	\$250 00	
	Collecting,	10 00	
	Abatements,	1 75	
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		261 75	
	Balance uncollected,	52 68	
		<hr/>	\$314 43

WM. G. CROWELL, *Collector.*

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Superintending School Committee
OF THE TOWN OF SALEM, N. H.,
FOR THE
Year ending February 28, 1879.

DISTRICT No. 1.

The summer and fall terms were taught by Miss Lizzie J. Browne. Miss Browne is a teacher of large experience and good attainments. The school however is a large and difficult one, and needed a stricter discipline than was exercised. Under such circumstances the highest results could not be attained. The examinations gave evidence of some progress.

Rev. Rufus Emerson taught the winter term and succeeded in awakening interest in studies, and in establishing good discipline. He also conveyed much practical information outside of the text books. The school is still in session.

The afternoon visits made by the committee upon this school were unsatisfactory because of the practice of dismissing a large number of scholars before the close of the session. This practice has the approval of the parents, but gives the school a bad

appearance, necessarily interferes with recitations, and makes the last part of that session unprofitable in the judgment of the committee. The attention of the parents is respectfully invited to these considerations.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Miss Sarah L. Sargent taught the summer term, and although this was her first experience as a teacher, she had good success.

As Miss Sargent was desirous of continuing her studies, Miss Susan M. Frye was secured as teacher for the fall term. She has attended a Normal school, and profitably employed some modern methods of teaching.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Miss Emma F. Goodhue has taught this school for the last two years with good success. Steady progress has evidently been made the past year both in studies and discipline.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Miss Laura J. Goodhue has taught the entire year. She has earned a good reputation in town as a successful teacher. Good progress has been made in studies this year under her instruction. There is, however, a restless element in this school that requires decision in controlling. The attendance the last term was greatly diminished because of the removal of families on account of the burning of the mill at North Salem.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

The summer term was taught by Miss Lucy W. Perkins with good success.

Mr. F. E. Cluff, of Dartmouth College, taught the winter term. He failed to secure control of the school at the onset, hence met with many difficulties. He labored faithfully, but

was without the benefit of previous experience as a teacher. The attendance was small the last of the term, but the examination showed commendable progress on the part of those who remained until the close of the school.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Miss Bella M. Stevens taught the primary department during the summer term. This was her first school, but she labored faithfully, though under somewhat disadvantageous circumstances.

Miss Etta M. George, the successful teacher of No. 8, was secured for the fall term, and satisfactory results attended her efforts. She could teach but one term on account of another engagement.

Miss Olive S. Horne taught the Winter Term. She taught the first term of last year also, but resigned on account of ill-health. The good work commenced in the Fall, was continued during the Winter, and the school year, was successfully terminated.

Miss Ella M. Pattee, the teacher of last year, has continued in charge of the Grammar school. The advantages to a school of a tried and successful teacher have been marked in this case. The discipline has been excellent, and the progress in studies constant and satisfactory. This is the only school of the same grade in town, and as conducted since its establishment it is an honor to the district.

Both schools greatly need a supply of Outline Maps

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Miss M. Nellie Foss taught the Summer Term. The school appeared in good condition at every visit of the committee. The examination, though avoided by many of the scholars, gave evidence of faithful work on the part of those who were present.

Mr. Sydney P. Gage taught the Winter Term with good success.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Miss Etta M. George, the teacher of the Fall Term of last year, taught both terms. Miss George is an experienced teacher, and has excellent qualifications for her work. She is also untiring in her efforts in behalf of her scholars, hence all make rapid progress. Much profitable instruction has been given outside of the text books.

This and the Grammar school of District No. 6 in their respective departments have been decidedly the most profitable schools in town the past year.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

This school, though very small has had three terms the past year. Miss Frances Noyes taught both summer and fall terms with good success, especially in the summer.

Mr. Heber D. Bowker, of Bowdoin College, taught the winter term. The discipline of the school during this term was excellent, and the instruction faithful.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Miss Emma J. Adams has been the teacher for the year. The school has always appeared quiet and orderly when visited by the Committee, and the advance in studies has been very satisfactory.

Early in the year the committee was called upon to consider the subject of introducing a standard grammar. It was found that *six* different series of grammars were in use in the schools, and yet only a few scholars gave attention to this study.

After careful investigation, it was decided to introduce Swinton's "New Language Lessons," and "New English Grammar" in place of all the other books.

The former is all the Grammar needed in the average district schools, and is the only one used in the Grammar schools of Boston. It is a book of great practical value, and it was

hoped that its introduction would give a new impetus to this study. These hopes have been realized to some extent, many having been induced to take up the study.

Composition writing and Declamation have been almost wholly neglected in our schools. The former especially is a subject of great practical importance to all. The smaller grammar just introduced gives much valuable instruction on this point, and it is hoped that it will be faithfully taught.

Your Committee has endeavored to establish more uniformity in regard to the pursuit of the elementary studies. It has been the practice of some scholars to study what they choose, and to neglect other branches of equal importance. There is ordinarily no reason why all scholars in good health should not take up the common English branches, viz. reading, spelling, writing, arithmetic, English grammar, geography, and possibly history. If parents will assist the committee and teachers in securing attention to all these branches, a great advance can be made.

In accordance with the provisions of an act passed by the last Legislature, the Selectmen and Superintending School Committee authorized the purchase of a copy of the new State maps of J. A. Cline & Co. for each school.

The sessions of the schools the past year have been, in general harmonious, and the advance in knowledge in most cases decided. The relations of the committee with the schools have been pleasant and it is hoped profitable.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED S. STOWELL,

Superintending School Committee.

District.	Term.	Teachers.	No. of Weeks.	Number of Sch'rs.	Average Attendance.	Wages of Teachers per Month.	Town Appropriations.	Railroad Tax.	Literary Fund.	Dog Tax.	Visits of S. S. Com.	Visits of Pru. Com.	Visits of Citizens.	Prudential Com.
No. 1.	Summer. Fall.	Lizzie J. Browne. " "	10 9	51 43	44 42	\$30 00 30 00	\$217 75 \$217 75	\$39 62 39 62	\$51 55 51 55	\$30 00 30 00	3 3	1 2	6 2	J. W. Emerson.
No. 2.	Winter. Summer.	Rufus Emerson. Sarah L. Sargent.	133 9	52 8	7	50 00 22 00	51 90	39 62	12 82	30 00	3 3	0 0	27 10	Daniel Merrill.
No. 3.	Fall. Summer.	Susan M. Frye. Emma F. Goodhue.	143 9	13 20	11 1/2 17	20 00 25 00	45 00	39 62	11 25	30 00	3 3	1 1	17 10	C. W. Tibbetts.
No. 4.	Fall. Summer.	" " Laura J. Goodhue.	11 12	23 36	30 28	25 00 32 00	165 77	39 62	41 90	30 00	3 3	0 0	25 15	J. H. Taylor.
No. 5.	Winter. Summer.	" " Lucy W. Perkins.	12 12	33 27	23 23	32 00 27 50	89 55	39 62	22 45	30 00	3 3	0 1	14 10	H. W. Hunt.
No. 6.	Winter. Summer.	Fred E. Cluff. Ella M. Pattee.	9 9	17 36	10 1/2 21 1/2	30 00 20 00	233 18	39 62	70 87	30 00	3 3	0 0	17 14	A. J. Prescott.
No. 7.	Fall. Winter.	Bella M. Stevens. Ella M. Pattee.	9 9	31 27	27 1/2 23	36 00 28 00					3 3	0 0	25 7	C. S. Woodbury.
No. 8.	Summer. Winter.	Ella M. Pattee. Olivia S. Horne.	9 9	35 42	31 11	28 00 32 00	90 57	39 62	22 65	30 00	4 3	0 1	10 10	Calvin Jennings.
No. 9.	Summer. Fall.	M. Nellie Foss. Sydney P. Gage.	173 17	21 14	15 1/2 12 1/2	30 00 32 00	87 55	39 62	19 64	30 00	3 3	2 2	27 19	George W. Jones.
No. 10.	Summer. Winter.	Etta M. George. Frances Noyes.	15 15	17 11	15 1/2 12 1/2	32 00 31 00	97 85	39 62	24 15	30 00	3 3	2 2	25 14	B. H. Smith.
No. 10.	Summer. Fall.	Heber D. Bowker. Emma J. Adams.	6 8	13 28	12 1/2 24	28 00 28 00	71 45	39 92	18 00	30 00	2 2	1 1	15 18	



